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Legal seminar for businesses will address immigration compliance issues

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Employment verification and I-9 compliance are issues that every human resources manager and general manager must know how to handle.

An upcoming Legal Awareness in the Workplace (LAW) seminar sponsored by Georgia Southern University's Continuing Education Center will help employers gain a better understanding of these matters.

'Immigration Compliance Issues for Businesses' will be held on Thursday, April 19, at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah.

Running from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., the seminar will be taught by Melissa Azallion, an attorney for the Nexsen Pruet law firm in Hilton Head, S.C.

The topics of discussion will include current and prospective immigration compliance laws and their implementation.

'It is up to each employer to examine documents for every new employee and determine whether the individual is eligible to work in the United States,' Azallion said.

Future LAW seminars in Savannah will include 'Recent Developments in the Fair Labor Standards Act' on May 17, and 'Workplace Violence in Georgia' on June 21.

Future LAW seminars at Coastal Georgia Community College in Brunswick will include 'Coordinating the Triad of FMLA, ADA, and Worker's Compensation' on May 8 and 'Federal Labor and Employment Law Record Keeping' on Aug. 14.

The fee for each seminar is \$69 per person. The fee will be reduced to \$59 per person for anyone who registers for three or more seminars, and for three or more people from the same organization.

To register for any of the LAW seminars, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted> or call (912) 681-5551

Former English soccer star will conduct coaching symposium on March 28

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Former English soccer star Steve Heighway will conduct a coaching symposium for area coaches at Georgia Southern University on Wednesday, March 28.

Heighway played for the Liverpool Football Club during the 1970s. He is now the director of the Liverpool Academy, a state-of-the-art training facility that provides instruction to some of the most talented young players in England.

The symposium at Georgia Southern will feature two separate clinics:

- University Team Clinic- Heighway will give a demonstration of coaching at the collegiate and elite levels from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Georgia Southern soccer stadium. He will spend an hour with the men's team and an hour with the women's team. Due to NCAA rules, this clinic is for observation only.
- Coaching Education Clinic – Heighway will give a demonstration of coaching at the high school and select player levels from 7:30 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. at Paulson Stadium. During this session, he will interact with coaches and answers questions regarding coaching and player development.

In the event of rain, both clinics will be conducted in Hanner Fieldhouse.

There is no fee for either clinic, but space is limited, and advance registration is required. Any coach who does not register in advance may not be admitted. The general public will be allowed to watch both of the clinics from the bleachers.

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National Public Health Week is April 2-8

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The theme designated for this year's National Public Health Week (April 2-8) is 'Take the First Step: Preparedness and Public Health Threats.' Each day of the week will address the unique needs of the nation's most vulnerable populations including mothers and young children, hourly-wage workers, schools serving K-12 grades, food banks, and individuals with chronic health conditions.

‘Because this is our first year to take part in National Public Health Week, the student public health organization of the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health (JPHCOPH) has chosen to focus on Tuesday’s initiative, local food banks,” said Kelley Chester, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Coordinator for JPHCOPH. ‘On Tuesday, April 3, we will hold a food drive in the rotunda of the Russell Union, with everything we gather going to the Statesboro Food Bank.”

During National Public Health Week, the American Public Health Association will help develop a preparedness plan for those most vulnerable to potential public health threats. For example, local food banks are an essential part of the community, and become even more important in times of disaster. Among the questions local food banks must consider:

- Structural – Can the building withstand a natural disaster?
- Nutrition – Does the food bank have enough of the right type of food to meet the most common special nutritional and dietary concerns?
- Logistics – If normal methods of food delivery and/or donation are disrupted, are there alternate transportation plans?
- Communications – If communication systems are down, how will the food bank tell the community it is open for business?

“National Public Health Week gives us a chance to let people know how important the public health programs are in the United States,” said Chester. ‘Public health impacts everyone’s life, every day, everywhere, and its programs deserve everyone’s support.”

More information about National Public Health Week is available at <http://www.nphw.org/2007/home.htm>.